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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 08 August 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11, 15 and 16 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims **12-14** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Freeny, U.S. Patent No. 6,360,253.

Considering claim **12**,

a) receiving a command from the remote control transmitter, is met by television accessory unit 32 that receives command signal from the input unit 34, fig.2;

b) generating a control request signal, responsive to the received command, and sending the control request to the computer via the control I/O port, is met by signal separator interface 54 that sends request signal to remote computer 22, fig. 3.

c) receiving a select signal from the computer via the control I/O port, is also met by signal separator interface 54.

d) directing data signals from one of the remote control transmitter and the keyboard to the data input port of the computer, responsive to the received select signal, is met by the signal separator interface 54 accepting input data from the input unit 34 or telephone interface 38, fig.2;

Considering claim 13, the claimed further including the step of prioritizing the control request signal with input signals received by the computer from the keyboard to generate the select signal, is met by the disclosure that "A header or other identifier can be included in the signals originally transmitted to the remote portion 22... so that the signal separator interface 54 can distinguish between the signals originating from the remote portion 22 of the split personal computer system 10 and the television station block 57." (col. 6, lines 31-37)

Considering claim 14, the claimed wherein the prioritizing step generates the select signal only when the computer has not received signals from the keyboard for a predetermined interval.

Regarding claim 14, see rejection of claim 13;

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims **1-11 and 15,16** are allowable over the prior art.

4. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art fails to disclose a system for providing audio and video information from a second location to a first location and for controlling said audio and video information from the first location, comprising a computer, in the second location, including a data input port, responsive to operational commands to controllably provide video information; a television monitor, in the first location, coupled to the computer for selectively displaying the provided video information; a local keyboard, in the second location, for providing first ones of a remote control transmitter in the first location for communicating command and control signals; a remote control receiver, in the first location, for receiving and decoding the command and control signals from the remote control transmitter and providing second ones of the operational commands; and an input select switch, in the second location, having first and second input ports and a data output port, the first input port being coupled to the remote control receiver, the second input port being coupled to the local keyboard and the data output port being coupled to the data input port of the computer to provide either the first ones of the operational commands or the second ones of the operational commands to the data input port of the computer, as in claim 1;

a system for providing audio and video signals from a second location to a first location and for controlling the audio and video signals from the first location, comprising a computer, in the second location, coupled for controllably a television monitor, in the first location, coupled to the computer for selectively displaying the video

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output signals provided thereby; a local keyboard, in the second location; a remote control transmitter in the first location for communicating command and control signals; a remote control receiver, in the first location, for receiving and decoding transmissions from the remote control transmitter; and an input select switch, in the second location, having a first and second input port and a first and second output port, the first input port being coupled to the remote control receiver and the second input port being coupled to the local keyboard wherein the first output port and the second output port are coupled to the computer; an alternate video source, in the second location, coupled to the computer for receiving a selection signal from the computer; and a video switch matrix, in the second location, having first second input ports, an output port and an enable port wherein the first input port is coupled to the computer for receiving a computer video signal, and the second input port is coupled to the alternate video source for receiving the alternate video source video signal and the enable port is coupled to the input select switch to selectively couple the video signal applied to the first input port or the video signal applied to the second input port to the output port, as in claim 15.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


Hyodo et al. U.S. Pat. No. 6,522,936 discloses a control apparatus control method, and interface device for information processing device wherein control computer and a remote are disclosed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Paulos M. Natnael whose telephone number is (703) 305-0019. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00am - 5:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller can be reached on (703) 305-4795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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